

**Myers Park High School**  
**PTSO General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2024**  
**9:00 am Art Gallery**

**1. Call to Order – 9:09am**

Attendance

Executive Board: Jamie Curtis, Katie Davis, Jennifer Gunn, Nadija Golden, Shelly Cole, Katy Harvey, Audrey Denham, Ghazale Johnston, Rebecca Drendel

**2. Principal Report – Bob Folk**

- a. Student Numbers -
  - i. 3200 (above projection of 3090, but still slightly below last year)
  - ii. Smooth start to the year
  - iii. Extended lunch to 25 minutes (extra 5 minutes), and reduced number of lunches from 5 to 4, lots of positive feedback from students and teachers on this change
    - a. Discussed adding additional picnic benches to Quad to accommodate the additional students in lunch block one & two
- b. Staffing Update
  - i. Due to increased student numbers, the District will add an additional teacher to the MPHS staffing ratio.
  - ii. Full staff as of Monday 9/9/24
    - a. New Math teacher starting 9/16 to fill open Math II slot
    - b. Another Math II teacher out on leave, have created a plan to compensate for this absence, all students will have a in-class teacher
  - iii. English, Civics & Environmental Science Classes are all at capacity,
    - a. Capacity constraints due to 9th Grade class numbers higher than projected
    - b. The additional teacher being added for 2nd semester will reduce this constraint.
- c. Other
  - i. Extended Mustang Minutes to 30 mins & embedded into 2nd Block
    - a. No packaged curriculum at this time, instead teams are providing time for content support, homework time, and other grade specific lessons.

- ii. Cell Phone Lockers implemented in all classrooms
  - a. Positive feedback received from Teachers, Students & Parents.
- iii. Club Stampede - Due to the wide array of clubs offered, event was extended to two days
  - a. Lots of positive feedback and student engagement, will continue as a two day event in the future
- iv. Homecoming coming up at end of Month (early this year)
- d. 2023 - 2024 School Performance
  - i. Currently MPHS has a "B" level school rating
  - ii. Continue to see high but level growth & achievement estimations, 80% proficiency / 20% growth
  - iii. Still seeing significant deficit in certain areas, team continues to work diligently with these student populations to ensure all students are on track
  - iv. Graduation Rate increased and is now at 86% (inline with State rate)
    - a. This is 2.7 points higher over three years. Goal is 90% (based on 4 year cohort)
    - b. 765 students graduated in 2024 out of 900+ students
- e. MPHS 2024 Class Statistics are included in prospective parents folders, posted on counseling website, and is sent with transcripts for college applications.
  - i. Board agreed to add a link to an upcoming Mustang Express so all parents/students can view

### 3. **Treasurer Report - Shelley Cole**

- a. 2023 - 2024 Budget Review
  - a. A motion and second were made to approve the budget. Motion Passed. Budget Approval: Vote to Approve Motion to approve Ghazelle, 2nd to approve Rebecca, all members voted in favor of budget (including changes)
- b. Expense Reimbursement / Deposit Procedures
  - a. Treasurer reviewed procedures, with emphasis on committees needing to ensure all receipts are attached to their reimbursement requests.
  - b. Reimbursement form now online for Committee Chair use.

### 4. **Annual Fund Report**

- a. Mailers will go out week of 16th, including a QR code (new this year), all student families to receive.

- b. Donations have also come in via Back to School forms
- a. Currently at \$24K (before the mailer)

**5. Committee Updates & Other Information:**

**a. SLT (Katie Davis)**

- i. Parent Survey being distributed

**b. Mustang Club (Jamie Curtis)**

- i. Ticket sales are down this year, will continue to encourage all students and families to come out and enjoy games in support of MPHS
- ii. Upcoming BBQ Tailgate - Announcement to be distributed in Mustang Express

**c. Mustang Round Up**

- i. Canceled due to weather, 9th grade T-shirts distributed during assembly

**d. Open Campus**

- i. Successful, busy event
- ii. Issues with students not able to access schedules, will need to rethink out to organize for future years to make this more streamlined.

**e. Guidance**

**f. Grade Level Events**

- i. Parent party for 9th grade parents/adults, with other grades focused on student events throughout the year
  - 1. Ice cream truck in October
  - 2. Spring Event - TBD

**g. Staff Appreciation**

- i. Christmas Party will be moved to Legion Brewery

**h. Teacher & Student Success Committee**

- i. Combined several pre-existing committees this year into Teacher & Student Success Committee - which will focus on treats/incentives needed for various school initiatives.

**i. Campus Beautification**

- i. Katie and Jamie meeting with the Campus Beautification Committee on 9/20 to discuss the Class of 1983 project (new bench) and Quad Improvement project.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05am